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FOLLOWING REPEAT PRETORIA 4008 ACTION SECSTATE AND USUN NEW  
YORK INFO BONN, DAR ES SALAAM, GABORONE,LAGOS,  
LONDON, LUSAKA, MAPUTO, PARIS, OTTAWA DATED JULY 14, 1978.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4008

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: AG EXPELS TWO CHURCHMEN

1. ACCORDING TO A LATE AFTERNOON PRESS REPORT JULY 14 FROM  
WINDHOEK, THE AG HAS ORDERED THE EXPULSION OF THE VICAR  
GENERAL OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NAMIBIA ED MORROW AND  
HIS WIFE LAUREE AND A ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST FATHER HEINZ  
HUNKE. THE THREE HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE THE TERRITORY  
WITHIN SEVEN DAYS.

2. EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR IN CONVERSATION WITH JOHN  
VIALI THE AG'S CHIEF ASSISTANT, SAID THAT THIS MOVE WAS IN-  
COMPREHENSIBLE AND CAME WITH UNUSUALLY BAD TIMING. VIALI  
SAID THAT HE RECOGNIZED THE TIMING WAS BAD BUT INDICATED  
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THE MOVE HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR SOME TIME. THE AG HAD  
ONLY YESTERDAY, JULY 13, ISSUED THE NECESSARY PROCLAMA-  
TION EMPOWERING HIM (THE AG) TO DEPORT UNDESIRABLE  
PEOPLE FROM THE TERRITORY. UNDER THE PROCLAMATION  
AUTHORITY FOR DEPORTATION WOULD APPLY TO ANYONE WHO  
"THREATENED THE PEACE OR GOOD GOVERNMENT OF THE  
TERRITORY." IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THOSE WHO "HAD INFLICTED

OR THREATENED TO INFLICT HURT OR DAMAGE ON OTHER PEOPLE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CERTAIN OBJECTIVES". VIALI SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD THE INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS BUT THAT IT WAS A MOVE THAT HAD TO BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER. HE DENIED THAT THE DEPORTATIONS WERE RELATED TO MORROW'S AND HUNKE'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST ALLEGED TORTURE OF DETAINEES IN THE TERRITORY. VIALI INDICATED THERE WERE SERIOUS SECURITY REASONS BEHIND THE ACTION.

3. COMMENT: MORROW AND HUNKE HAVE LONG BEEN MAJOR IRRITANTS TO THE AG AND THE SAG. THEY ARE THE MOST OUTSPOKENLY PRO-SWAPO AND MILITANTLY ANTI-SAG OF THE NAMIBIAN CLERGYMEN. EARLIER THIS YEAR THE POLICE SUSPECTED MORROW OF COMPLICITY OR FOREKNOWLEDGE IN THE FLIGHT OR ALLEGED ABDUCTION OF STUDENTS FROM AN ANGLICAN SECONDARY SCHOOL IN OVAMBO.

4. THE DEPORTATION ORDER WAS DISCUSSED BY THE PRETORIA FIVE AT A MEETING TODAY, JULY 14. BRITISH AMBASSADOR SCOTT AND WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR EIKE INFORMED THE GROUP THEY WOULD CALL DEPUTY SECRETARY VAN DALSEN AT DFA (FOURIE IS OUT OF TOWN) TO EXPRESS THEIR DISMAY AND URGE THAT THE AG ANNUL THE DEPORTATION ORDER. THE GROUP AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT NO PUBLIC STATEMENT BE MADE ON THE ISSUE AT THIS TIME TO AVOID CONFIDENTIAL

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DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE ACTION AND MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE AG TO BACK DOWN.  
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